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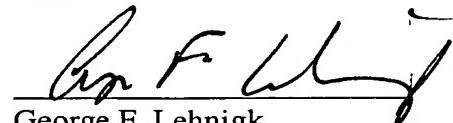
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In addition, a concise statement of relevance for the submitted document DE 101 09 929 A1 is found in the Background discussion of the above-identified application. As noted on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08, this reference also has an English-language counterpart in US 2002/0001088A1.

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